



## **VETERANS EVENTS TASK FORCE**

Veterans and Military Advisory Board Liaisons - Dave Rosenfeld and Jim Lykins

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### **Task Force Advisor Description**

Advisors to the Veterans Events Task Force will support strategic planning activities for community involvement between Town residents, surrounding municipal communities, various organizations for Veterans, current servicemembers, spouses, and families.

### **Events:**

- Veterans Day
- Hero's Lane
- Service Member of the Year
- Educator of the Year
- Recognition Ceremony for Gilbert
- Memorial Day
- Communicate w/ Elected Officials
- Veteran of the Year
- Welcome Home

Task Force Advisors may support at any capacity such as planning, logistics, onsite event support, coordination with various organizations and other Task Forces for events.

### **VETERANS EVENTS VISION**

To proactively coordinate and lead community events which highlight the esteem in which the Town of Gilbert holds its Active Duty, Veteran and Military Family Members, to include Military Contractors. To assist community business leaders in identifying unique ways to reinforce the community's commitment in recognizing and highlighting Service to Country and connecting the Service Member with the Town.



## **VETERANS' WELL-BEING TASK FORCE**

Veterans and Military Advisory Board Liaisons - Nicki Bartram and Phil Bobadilla

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### **Task Force Advisor Description**

Advisors to the Veterans' Well-Being Task Force will support activities to ensure coordination between the Town of Gilbert and various vetted veteran resources and services across the State of Arizona. The goal is to build capacity to access these resources and services, by focusing on social determinants of health, which are conditions that affect a wide range of health risks and outcomes. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has classified some of the following domains as predictors for health and wellbeing:

1. **Physical Health** – connecting to healthcare insurance, providers, durable medical equipment, and medications.
2. **Mental Health/Substance Abuse** – connecting to mental health care providers, groups, aftercare programs, and medications.
3. **Finances and Benefits** – connecting to resources, benefits, assistance, and grants.
4. **Employment** – connecting to skills, jobs, and careers.
5. **Housing** – connecting to affordable and safe housing, loans, grants, and home modifications.
6. **Legal** – connecting to help for current or past legal issues that may be impacting current success, e.g. on probation, housing restrictions, employment restrictions, etc.
7. **Educational** – connecting to benefits, schools, technical programs, and tutoring.
8. **Family and Social** – connecting to events, supports, family programs, discounts etc.
9. **Spiritual** – connecting to faith-based information, resources, moral injury processing, and other supportive programs.

### **VETERANS' WELL-BEING VISION**

**“Providing those connections to resources for Service Members, Veterans, Department of Defense Contractors and their Families that foster the Town of Gilbert’s goals of Advocacy, Integrity, and Respect.”**

Task Force Advisors may support in any capacity such as planning, logistics, onsite event support, and coordination with various organizations and other Task Forces.

### **TIMELINE**

- Establish a plan for sponsorship and community involvement for this Task Force.
- Expand and add connections points and vetted resources to the Town of Gilbert’s Veteran and Military website.
- Plan a course of action to provide knowledge and education to service members, veterans, and their families.
- Increase entry points to resources and services for service members, veterans, and their families.
- Develop partnerships with existing resource networks for service members, veterans, and their families, such as the Arizona Coalition for Military Families and the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce.
- Determine gaps in resources and services for service members, veterans, and their families.
- Identify opportunities to grow collaboration and partnerships with state, federal, community-based agencies, medical entities, faith based groups, and private businesses.



## USS ARIZONA TASK FORCE

Veterans and Military Advisory Board Liaisons - Victor Mai and Pamela Rinesmith

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### Task Force Advisor Description

Advisors to the USS Arizona Task Force will support the vision of supporting town sponsorship activities between the Town of Gilbert, various military, municipal/state, non-profit, and other private organizations with the guidance of Board liaisons, staff, and Ship Sponsor of the future USS Arizona submarine (SSN-803). Nikki Stratton, Ship Sponsor, presented her formal request on July 6, 2020 inviting the Town of Gilbert to be the Host City for the new USS Arizona submarine.

- Opportunity to have Gilbert help bridge the legacy of the battleship USS Arizona (BB-39) to the entire history of the new submarine.
- Serve as Gilbert's steering group.
- Support the community within Gilbert and surrounding area with connecting the past and future USS Arizona
- Support educational opportunities and events between Gilbert residents, crew of the future submarine, past connections and remembrance of the USS Arizona battleship.

Task Force Advisors will support all things related to the USS Arizona (BB-39 battleship and SSN-803 submarine) including establishing the necessary relationships with the Host, the Navy League Foundation, and all of the communities in Arizona.

### TIMELINE

- Establish plan for sponsorship and community involvement.
- Christening Ceremony and submarine commissioning will be in approximately 4 to 5 years.
- Conduct long-term planning for crew sponsorship activities, coordination with the ship sponsor to the Navy League Foundation and various municipal, state, non-profit and private organizations, museum and decommissioning activities.

### USS ARIZONA VISION

- Connect the past, present and future with the values and spirit of the USS Arizona Battleship (BB-39)
- Create an enduring legacy of the two inflection point ships named Arizona for multiple generations to understand and respect their significance.
- Create, nurture and expand the USS Arizona submarine (SSN-803) culture that honors its heritage yet forges its own future.
- Establish Gilbert Arizona as the heart and home of the USS Arizona (SSN-803) by engaging the local and Arizona community and its leaders to support its mission and future.
- Establish additional programs, that could include scholarships for survivors' descendants and active duty personnel and their families and a museum once the USS Arizona (SSN-803) is decommissioned.